

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment of February 2007 is submitted after consultation with Examiner Ark today, February 27, 2007.

The claims attached to this submission reflect a single change requested by Examiner Ark to show claim 23 as having been “previously presented”. The set of claims 48-83 are indicated as “new” notwithstanding their having been included in prior submissions in this reissue application.

It is believed that Applicant has complied with all formal requirements regarding amendments in reissue applications. The undersigned apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the submissions to date.

In the present amendment, the “newly presented” claims 48-83 are shown in underline.

With respect to the drawings, a prior submission has amended figure 7, which Applicant understands has been entered and approved.

No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

The declaration and supplemental declaration of record refer to substantively identical amendments included in prior submissions and so no further declarations are warranted.

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Claims 1-22 and 24-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,568,123 B2 are not amended in this reissue application, and are currently pending in the reissue application.

Claim 23 has been previously amended only to change its dependency to a different claim.

Accordingly applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-47 remain patentable.

Claims 48-83 have each been added to more completely cover the subject matter of Applicant's invention. Exemplary sources for supportive disclosure of the recitations in those new claims is identified in the table below.

Claim	Support
48	Original claim 1 and column 13, lines 30-59
49	Original claim 2
50	Original claim 3
51	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
52	Original claim 5 and column 13, lines 30-59
53	Original claim 6
54	Original claim 20
55	Original claim 21
56	Original claim 31
57	Original claim 32
58	Original claim 33
59	Original claim 34
60	Original claim 35
61	Original claim 7 and column 13, lines 30-59
62	Original claim 8
63	Original claim 3
64	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
65	Original claim 5 and column 13, lines 30-59
66	Original claim 6
67	Original claim 20
68	Original claim 21

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69	Original claim 31
70	Original claim 32
71	Original claim 33
72	Original claim 34 and column 7, line 19
73	Original claim 35
74	Original claim 31 and column 13, lines 30-59
75	Original claims 1 and 7
76	Original claim 3
77	Original claim 4 and column 13, lines 30-59
78	Original claim 6
79	Original claim 21
80	Original claim 32
81	Original claim 33
82	Original claim 34
83	Original claim 35

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